

deadⁱⁿ trespasses^{and} sins

The Doctrine of Total Depravity & Absolute Inability:

What is REALLY behind mankind's "NO!" to God?



"BUT A NATURAL MAN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, FOR THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS TO HIM; AND HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY APPRAISED."

-2 COR. 2:14 (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA

February 5th, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Fifth Day of February, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We are looking at the basic principles of the Reformation as a backdrop to our study on the views of Martin Luther with regard to the doctrine of sovereign predestination.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"I Love to Tell the Story"* (#190, chorus only).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled my Soul"* (#183).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 11:38-50, 53; 12:1, 9-11.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Just When I Need Him Most"* (#253).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Only a Sinner"* (#257, vv. 1-3).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"TOTAL DEPRAVITY."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Love Lifted Me"* (#308).

Benediction.*

*Glory
to
God in the
Highest*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Sunday School—6; Midweek—4

Morning Worship—24; Weekly Offering—\$601.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Daniel 5: The mysterious handwriting turns a night of revelry into a night of **HORROR!!!**



Africa Update

From: Pastor Keith Merriman (1/31/23)

Dear beloved brethren,

I just spoke with pastor Salomon. He and Mary had been in the hospital for several days. They left yesterday to go home but they must travel back each day (40 kilometers round trip) to treat Mary's wound. Salomon has had typhoid and malaria again. Mary has an infection in her back from an injection she received for back pain. The infection has gone deeper and she is on more antibiotics. Please pray for healing for both of them.

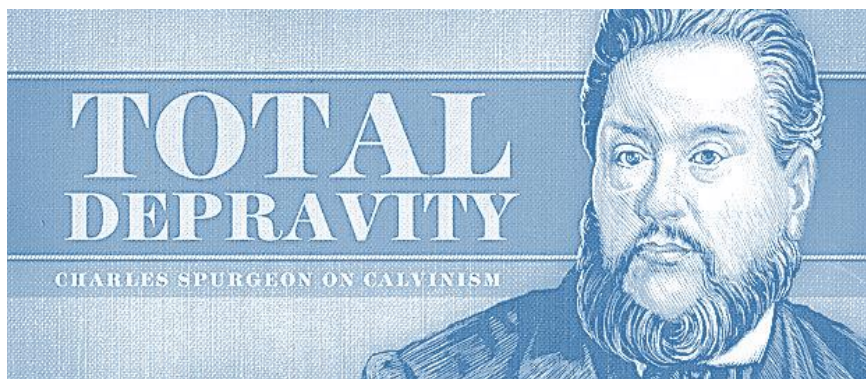
Thanks for your prayers and gifts. God bless, Keith



From: Pastor Keith Merriman (2/03/23)

Dear beloved brethren,

Just finished speaking with pastor Salomon. Mary is still in the mobile clinic in Mfomakap near Yaounde. She is in extreme pain from the deep wound and infection. Salomon said they are giving her injections for the pain as well as for the infection. She is not able to sit because of the pain. Please continue your prayers for her. God bless, Keith



“As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature. It is so sadly there, so abundantly there, that if you cannot detect it, you are deceived.”

“The venom of sin is in the very fountain of our being; it has poisoned our heart. It is in the very marrow of our bones and is as natural to us as anything that belongs to us.”

“...a very hell of corruption lies within the best saint.”

“There is no beast in wolf or lion or serpent that is so brutish as the beast in man.”

“We declare on scriptural authority that the human will is so desperately set on mischief, so depraved, so inclined to everything that is evil, and so disinclined to everything that is good, that without the powerful, supernatural, irresistible influence of the Holy Spirit, no human will will ever be constrained toward Christ.”

“Free-will doctrine—what does it? It magnifies man into God. It declares God’s purposes a nullity, since they cannot be carried out unless men are willing. It makes God’s will a waiting servant to the will of man.”

“If God requires of the sinner, dead in sin, that he should take the first step, then he requires just that which renders salvation as impossible under the gospel as it was under the law, since man is as unable to believe as he is to obey.”